

Claims:

1. A cutting device comprising a forward blade carrier and a rearward handle spaced from the forward blade carrier, the rearward handle and forward blade carrier being movable relative to one another permitting re-configuration of the device.
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2. A cutting device according to claim 1, wherein the rearward handle and forward blade carrier are lockable relative to one another permitting setting of the device in re-configured orientations.
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3. A cutting device according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the rearward handle is movable planetary about the forward blade carrier.
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4. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the rearward handle is movable in an arc about the forward blade carrier.
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5. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the rearward handle is movable through substantially 90 degrees or more about the forward blade carrier.
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6. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the rearward handle is movable through substantially 180 degrees or more about the forward blade carrier.
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7. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the rearward handle is movable through substantially 270 degrees or more about the forward blade carrier.
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8. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the rearward handle is movable through substantially 360 degrees about the forward blade carrier.
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9. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the rearward handle is arranged to be locked in a plurality of orientations relative to the forward blade carrier.
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10. A cutting device according to claim 9, including a lock arrangement for locking the rearward handle relative to the blade carrier in a plurality of orientations.
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11. A cutting device according to claim 10, wherein the lock means comprises a lock actuator accessible to a user of the device.
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12. A cutting device according to claim 10 or claim 11, including a biassing arrangement for biassing the lock arrangement normally to a locked orientation.
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13. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, including a rotatable mounting at the blade carrier for mounting the rearward handle rotatably relative to the blade carrier.

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14. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the blade carrier includes an external surface portion providing a forward handle.

10 15. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, including a bridge portion extending between the rearward handle and the blade carrier.

15 16. A cutting device according to claim 15, wherein the bridge portion is arranged to move in unison with the rearward handle about the blade carrier.

20 17. A cutting device according to claim 16, including a rotatable mounting at the blade carrier for mounting the bridge portion rotatably relative to the blade carrier.

25 18. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the rearward handle and the blade carrier depend downwardly from a connecting bridge portion.

19. A cutting device according to claim 18, wherein the rearward handle axis, blade carrier and bridge portion lie substantially in the same plane.

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20. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the rearward handle and the blade carrier are substantially parallel to one another.
- 5 21. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, including a blade adjustment arrangement for adjusting the position of the blade relative to the blade carrier.
- 10 22. A cutting device according to claim 21, wherein the blade adjustment arrangement is adjustable by means of an actuator provided on the exterior of the device.
- 15 23. A cutting device according to claim 21 or 22, wherein the blade adjustment arrangement is actuatable to selectively vary the projection distance of the blade from the blade carrier.
- 20 24. A cutting device according to any of claims 21 to 23 wherein the blade adjustment arrangement includes a ratchet mechanism to advance and/or retract the blade relative to the blade carrier.
- 25 25. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the blade carrier includes an internal receiving recess for receiving the blade.

26. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, including a blade retaining element for securing the blade with the blade carrier.

5 27. A cutting device according to claim 26, wherein the blade retaining element is resiliently biased to the retaining position.

10 28. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, including engagement means for engaging a substrate at a level spaced from the terminal portion of the blade.

15 29. A cutting device according to claim 28, wherein the engagement means is carried by the blade carrier.

30. A cutting device according to claim 28 or claim 29, wherein the engagement means comprises rotatable engagement means.

20 31. A cutting device according to claim 30, wherein the engagement means comprises a roller.

25 32. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the blade comprises an elongate mounting portion for mounting to the blade carrier and a cutting portion extending transversely to the mounting portion.

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33. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, wherein the cutting portion of the blade extends transversely to the plane in which the blade carrier and rearward handle lie.

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34. A cutting device according to any preceding claim, including a lubrication arrangement for delivering lubricant to the blade.

10 35. A cutting device according to claim 34, wherein the lubrication arrangement includes a lubricant reservoir.

15 36. A cutting device according to claim 35, wherein the lubricant reservoir is provided internally of the rearward handle.

20 37. A cutting device according to any of claims 34 to 36, including delivery means for delivering the lubricant via the blade carrier to the blade.

25 38. A cutting device according to claim 37, wherein the delivery means is arranged to deliver the lubricant to the blade along a path internally of the blade carrier.

30 39. A cutting device according to any of claims 34 to 38, wherein the device includes a bridge portion extending between the rearward handle and the forward handle, the lubricant delivery means including a

conduit spanning the bridge portion.

40. A cutting device according to any of claims 34 to 39, wherein a lubricant injector or nozzle is provided for the blade carrier arranged to dispense the lubricant to the region of the blade.
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41. A cutting device according to any of claims 36 to 40, wherein a lubricant delivery actuator is mounted on the exterior of the device.
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42. A cutting device according to claim 41 wherein the lubricant delivery actuator operates to pump the lubricant fluid.
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43. A cutting device according to any preceding claim including a blade having a cutting portion and a fixing portion extending substantially transversely to the cutting portion.
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44. A cutting device comprising a forward blade carrier, a rearward handle spaced from the forward blade carrier and a bridge portion interconnecting the forward blade carrier and the rearward handle which both depend from the bridge portion, the forward blade carrier providing a forward handle for the device, the forward blade carrier, rearward handle and bridge portion being in substantially the same plane.
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45. A cutting device comprising a blade carrier, a device engagement arrangement (such as a roller, for example) for setting the device against a surface, and a blade adjustment arrangement for adjusting the position of the blade relative to the blade carrier and/or the device engagement surface.

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46. A cutting device comprising a blade carrier and a device engagement arrangement (such as a roller, for example) for setting the device against a surface such that the blade cuts at a predetermined cut plane relative to the device engagement arrangement.

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47. A cutting device according to claim 45 or claim 46, wherein the device is adjustable with respect to the blade position relative to its spacing below the device engagement arrangement.

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48. A cutting device according to any of claims 45 to 47, wherein the blade defines a cut plane which is spaced below the level of the device engagement means.

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49. A cutting device according to any of claims 45 to 48, wherein the blade comprises a cutting portion and a fixing portion extending transversely to the cutting portion, the cutting portion being spaced from and adjacent the device engagement arrangement.

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50. A cutting device according to any of claims 45 to 49, wherein the cut plane of the blade is spaced from and

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adjacent (preferably substantially parallel to) the plane surface against which the device engagement arrangement is placed.

5 51. A cutting device comprising a blade carrier and a lubrication arrangement for delivering lubricant to the blade via the blade carrier.

10 52. A method of removing a vehicle windscreen or other structural panel or element using a device according to any preceding claim.

15 53. A blade for a cutting tool, the blade including a tapered cutting portion having opposed tapering cutting edges terminating at an apex portion of the blade, wherein:

20 i) at least one of the tapering cutting edges has a cutting edge bevel defining an angle of substantially 40° or less; and/or

ii) both opposed tapering cutting edges have a cutting edge bevel; and/or

25 iii) at least one of the tapering cutting edges has a cutting edge bevel on upper and lower portions of the blade defining a double bevel.

54. A blade according to claim 53, wherein at least one of the tapering cutting edges has a cutting edge bevel defining an angle of substantially 30° or less.

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55. A blade according to claim 54, wherein at least one of the tapering cutting edges has a cutting edge bevel defining an angle of substantially 25° or less.
- 5 56. A blade according to any of claims 53 to 55, wherein both tapering cutting edges have a substantially corresponding degree of taper.
- 10 57. A blade according to any of claims 53 to 56, wherein both opposed tapering cutting edges have a substantially corresponding cutting edge bevel angle.
- 15 58. A blade according to any of claims 53 to 57, wherein both opposed tapering cutting edges have a substantially corresponding double bevel.
59. A blade according to any of claims 53 to 58, including a fixing portion substantially extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to the tapered cutting portion, the fixing portion being configured to facilitate fixing to a tool or the like.